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1.	This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.	
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of _____ sheets, including this cover sheet.	
3.	This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising: a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of 10 sheets, as follows: <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</div> b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).	
4.	This report contains indications relating to the following items: <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</div>	

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Box No. I	Basis of the report
1.	<p>With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)</p> <p>2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on <i>(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)</i>:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the international application as originally filed/furnished</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the description:</p> <p>pages _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>pages* <u>1-8</u> received by this Authority on <u>11.06.2005 with letter of 10.06.2005</u></p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the claims:</p> <p>nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19</p> <p>nos.* <u>1-10</u> received by this Authority on <u>11.06.2005 with letter of 10.06.2005</u></p> <p>nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the drawings:</p> <p>sheets <u>1/1</u> as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.</p>
3.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p>
4.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (<i>specify</i>): _____</p>

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	7-9	YES
	Claims	1-6, 10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	7-9	YES
	Claims	1-6, 10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
<p>1. Lack of novelty: claims 1-6 and 10</p> <p>The subject matter of independent claims 1-6 and 10 is also not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).</p> <p>1.1 In relation to independent claim 1:</p> <p>The closest prior art is seen in DE-A-28 18 170 (D1).</p> <p>D1 discloses a (cf.):</p> <p>a) Rotor block having a housing (2, 3) with at least one connecting face (1) which absorbs the carrying force, and <i>A rotor block denotes a unit having one or more rotors. A crane end carriage represents a rotor block in this context.</i></p> <p>b) having rotational bearing seat faces (5, 6) for sliding and/or roller bearings (7, 8) for mounting a rotor (15),</p> <p>c) wherein, in order to dismantle the rotor (15) from the housing (2, 3), the sliding and/or roller bearings (7, 8) can be dismantled in an outward direction and the rotor (15) can be dismantled towards a side which lies transversely with respect to the former,</p> <p>d) wherein the rotational bearing seat faces (5, 6) are configured, without the use of annular bodies, directly</p>			

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as cut-outs (18) which are provided in the housing wall,
and

e) wherein the rotational bearing seat faces (5, 6) are
configured in such a way that they enclose the sliding
and/or roller bearings (7, 8) by more than 180°

f) and are open in relation to the sliding and/or roller
bearings (7, 8) to the side so as to form a constriction
(18), and

g) the rotor (15) protrudes to the side (figure 3) out of
the housing in the installed state.

*Claim 1 does not make it clear whether the wheel
protrudes (for example, downwards) out of the same side,
on which the openings in the rotational bearing seat
faces are situated, or not.*

1.2 In relation to claims 2-6 and 10:

The features of dependent claims 2-6 and 10 are likewise
apparent from D1 and are therefore not suitable to convey
the novelty (see figures 2 and 3).

2. In relation to dependent claim 7:

Furthermore, claim 7 discloses that the cut-outs have a
lower region which forms, in particular, an elbow open to
the side and adjoins the upper region at the
constriction.

Under the precondition that the expression "in
particular" were deleted (as this expression does not
restrict the scope of protection, that is to say, any
feature preceded by such an expression must be considered
entirely optional (PCT Article 6)), the features which

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<p>are contained in dependent claim 7 would neither be anticipated nor rendered obvious by the available prior art and would therefore be suitable for conveying novelty and inventive step.</p>	

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

1. Closest prior art:

Claim 1 has been duly drafted in the two-part form, but the features e) - g) under point 1.1 should not have been included in the characterizing part, since they were disclosed in D1 in conjunction with the features indicated in the preamble (PCT Rule 6.3(b)).

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

See point 2.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of:

Box I:

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: DE-A-28 18 170